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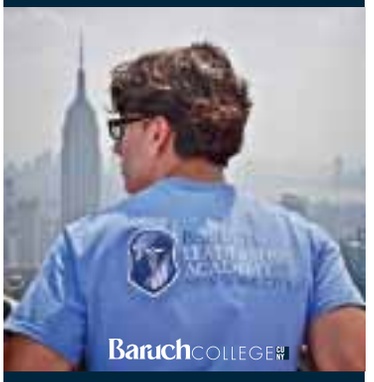

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SESSIONS VISITS US-MEXICO BORDER

1 U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border on Tuesday to make his case for increased prosecutions of illegal immigrants, pressuring U.S. attorneys to prioritize cases against criminal migrants. Sessions, a longtime proponent of tougher immigration enforcement, told U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents at the Port of Nogales, Arizona, that more illegal migrants should be

prosecuted as criminals. It is normally the role of the Secretary of Homeland Security to meet border agents. But Sessions made the visit to highlight his focus on enforcing federal laws as dozens of U.S. cities try to shield illegal immigrants from stepped-up prosecution and deportation efforts. REUTERS

N.KOREA WARNS OF NUKE STRIKE IF US PROVOKES

2 North Korean state media warned on Tuesday of a nuclear attack on the United States at any sign of American aggression as a U.S. Navy strike group steamed toward the western Pacific. President Donald Trump, who has urged China to do more to rein in its impoverished ally and neighbor, said in a tweet that North Korea was "looking for trouble" and the United States would "solve the problem" with or without Beijing's help. Tension has escalated sharply on the Korean peninsula amid concerns that reclusive North Korea may soon conduct a sixth nuclear test and after Washington said at the weekend it was diverting the aircraft carrier strike group Carl Vinson toward the Korean peninsula in a show of force. REUTERS

TRUMP PROMISES REVAMP OF WALL STREET RULES

3 President Donald Trump told a group of chief executives that his administration was reducing regulations and revamping the Wall Street reform law known as Dodd-Frank, which might be eliminated and replaced with "something else." "We're going to reduce taxes, we're going to eliminate wasteful regulations," Trump said at a meeting attended by corporate leaders and members

of his cabinet. Last week he said officials were planning a "major haircut" for the regulations. "For the bankers in the room, they'll be very happy because we're really doing a major streamlining and, perhaps, elimination, and replacing it with something else," Trump said. REUTERS

SPICER SPARKS OUTCRY BY COMPARING ASSAD TO HITLER

4 White House spokesman Sean Spicer triggered an uproar on Tuesday by saying Adolf Hitler did not use chemical weapons. He apologized after his comments drew immediate criticism on social media and elsewhere for overlooking the fact that millions of Jews were killed in Nazi gas chambers.

Spicer made the assertion at a daily news briefing, during a discussion about the April 4 chemical weapons attack in Syria that killed 87 people. Washington has blamed the attack on the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

"You had someone as despicable as Hitler who didn't even sink to using chemical weapons," Spicer said when asked about Russia's alliance with the Syrian government.

The Nazis murdered six million Jews during World War II. Many Jews as well as others were killed in gas chambers in European concentration camps.

When a reporter asked Spicer if he wanted to clarify his comments, he said: "I think when you come to sarin gas, there was no, he was not using the gas on his own people the same way that Assad is doing."

Later on Tuesday, Spicer apologized and said he should not have made that comparison.

Spicer's assertion, made during the Jewish holiday of Passover, sparked instant outrage on social media and from some Holocaust memorial groups who accused him of minimizing Hitler's crimes. REUTERS GETTY IMAGES

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WAL-MART CONTINUES CUT OF CORPORATE JOBS

5 Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is eliminating more corporate jobs this month, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday, citing people familiar with the matter. The latest round of job cuts will involve "hundreds" of positions in Wal-Mart's international and technology businesses along with its warehouse chain, Sam's Club, according to the report. Wal-Mart's job cuts started in 2016 when the retailer said it was eliminating 7,000 back office positions and moving more of its workforce to the sales floor. Earlier this year, Wal-Mart cut 1,200 corporate jobs mostly in human resources even as it continued to invest in its e-commerce operations. Wal-Mart did not immediately respond to a Reuters request seeking comment. REUTERS

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Udi is ready for her closeup during the Kate Spade ad shoot. TRACY DEBARNADIS

French bulldog Udi, a client of Pawsitively Famous animal talent agency, in an ad for Kate Spade. KATE SPADE

Bullmastiff Baby Beans at All Creatures Great & Small animal talent agency in White Plains. At left, Cat Long, a specialist and trainer; and at right, Susan Luftman, the dog's owner. AMY RUSSO

Getting their clients a paw in the door

New York is also the center of the animal talent agency world, where firms book work for dogs, butterflies, camels and rodents.

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Forget tall and skinny. Kate Spade's newest model is a short and stout wet-nosed furball with four legs. At the tender age of 2, Udi has gotten her paw in the door of the fashion world, having caught the eye of an animal talent agency looking for a canine to showcase the luxury fashion label's new line of handbags.

The agency, Pawsitively Famous of New Jersey, already represents a number of animal actors, including such luminaries as the Aflac Duck, which now has its own Twitter account.

Udi got her start when owner Tracy DeBarnadis sent headshots to Pawsitively Famous. DeBarnadis called her petite French Bulldog "a natural. She's very good at it. She's a great little modeler and she's very cooperative."

But would she measure up to the standards of Dawn Wolfe, owner of Pawsitively Famous? Wolfe took one look at Udi and knew the black and white pooch was perfect for Kate Spade. The animal talent agency mostly goes into Manhattan for photo shoots.

And Wolfe should know. She has spent years developing a curated online database of camera-ready pets with her stamp of approval. Clients have included a Noah's Ark of dogs, cats, birds, farm animals, horses, reptiles and rodents.

Animal talent agencies have steadily grown over the years, with about 50 scattered throughout the country and around a dozen in New York City. The pay ranges, but typically an owner receives about $200 to $400 a day for the pet's hard work, Wolfe said. Once the animal becomes a star, that number skyrockets. "Benji" is considered to be the highest-paid animal actor ever.

But much like its human counterpart, animal showbiz can be a dog-eat-dog world.

"It is actually very competitive," said Cat Long, a specialist and trainer at All Creatures Great & Small of White Plains.

"We do everything from butterflies to camels."
Cat Long

The firm is inundated with photos from pet owners, and the agencies themselves compete aggressively for talent. All Creatures recently supplied the dogs for a New York Lottery commercial, and just received a request for an ad in which cats will sit on moving roombas, the popular self-operating robotic vacuums. "We do everything from butterflies to camels," Long said.

Last week, staffers studied the newest canine candidate, Baby Beans. A 125-pound Bullmastiff, Baby Beans was asked to sit, stay and interact with trainers to prove he had an agreeable temperament before he could be considered for a project. The dog passed with flying colors.

Does your pet have what it takes?

The animal talent scouting process begins with a preliminary pet interview. During that period, owners bring their animals in for obedience testing and a behavioral exam to determine whether it can cooperate on set.

The animal must be comfortable around the noise, the lights and the need to reshoot scenes, if the gig involves film or video.

For dogs, far more is required, according to Hollywood paws.com animal training agency. The company offers a handy guide for owners who think they have the perfect pooch for show business. The American Kennel Club's 10-step Canine Good Citizenship test is a good measure, according to Hollywood Paws.

Much has changed in the decades since she started All Creatures, said Ruth Manecke, Long's mother. But two essential elements are still required of their clients, whether it be a parrot or a pug, a monkey or a marmot: It has to have a cute face and a good attitude.

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A parking ticket is seen on the windshield of a FedEx truck. GETTY IMAGES

NYC parking ticket app makes it easier to pay or fight the violation

A surprising fact: About half of all city tickets challenged in 2016 were dismissed.

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Open up that kitchen drawer stuffed with orange envelopes because New York City says its new parking ticket app will make it easier for motorists to pay their fines or dispute their violations.

Called the NYC Parking Ticket Pay or Dispute app, it is free to download. The app is expected to reduce fines from unpaid tickets while making it more likely people will pay, according to city officials.

Last year, New York City collected $1.5 billion in parking tickets while another $226 million went unpaid.

Surprisingly, half of all tickets challenged in 2016 were dismissed.

Seb Formoso, chief information officer for the Department of Finance, said there are two real advantages of the app. It makes it easier to pay the ticket immediately, instead of doing it at home only to forget and accrues late fees. It also makes it easier to dispute the ticket immediately.

"It's very efficient," he told Metro. "We reached a point where we want to make it possible to do anything they [New Yorkers] want to do via their smartphone rather than find a web terminal to get to the website."

The app is particularly helpful fighting a ticket. After receiving the dreaded orange violation on the windshield, a driver can submit any evidence while still on the scene, including photos.

"So you get a paper ticket and you don't have the app, and you are in a hurry, so you go home. Then you realize, 'I should have taken a picture, I need to go back,'" Formoso said.

The new app, he added, "will give you all the prompts, so you can submit it all right away and it will start to get processed by the Department of Finance while you drive home."

Drive — and park — carefully.

NYC parking violations in 2016, by the numbers:

The Department of Finance collected **$1.5 billion** in parking violations.

$226 million in parking violations went unpaid.

1,140,739 tickets for passenger plate violations were written.

Heaviest parking ticket days tend to be Mondays and Fridays.

About **50 percent** of challenged tickets get dismissed.

NYC Department of Finance

New Hampshire top court upholds ban on 'Animal House' fraternity

The frat was accused in 2015 of branding pledges with the club's letters.

The Alpha Delta fraternity near the Dartmouth College campus inspired one of the writers of the "Animal House" movie. GETTY IMAGES

New Hampshire's top court on Tuesday upheld a lower court's decision banning the fraternity that inspired the movie "Animal House" from living in its house near Dartmouth College campus after the school decertified the group for branding its members.

Dartmouth officials revoked recognition of the Alpha Delta fraternity's charter in 2015 after an investigation concluded that members had branded 11 new pledges with the club's letters, as part of an "overtly condoned and long-standing practice."

That decision suspended the exemptions in local laws that allowed the 12 to 18 members to live in the fraternity house, and prompted officials in the town of Hanover, where Dartmouth is located, to order the house shut down as it was in violation of local zoning laws.

The saga evoked the 1978 comedy "National Lampoon's Animal House" starring John Belushi in which an angry university dean kicks out an unruly fraternity. The story for that film was inspired by one of the writers' experiences being initiated into Alpha Delta.

While the fictional fraternity takes revenge on the university by unleashing a custom-made "Deathmobile" to wreak havoc in the school's annual homecoming parade, the real-life fraternity sued Hanover.

It argued the town had no jurisdiction over its house, which it said dates to the 1840s and was "grandfathered in" as housing for students of the Ivy League college. A lower court rejected that argument, setting the stage for review by the state Supreme Court.

A Dartmouth spokeswoman said the school was "pleased" that the top court had upheld the decision. An attorney for the fraternity did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Universities have increasingly become intolerant of rowdier fraternities, linking them to problems including binge drinking and sexual assault on campus. For their part, fraternity organizations argue that they provide valuable student housing, leadership experience and promote charitable giving. REUTERS

BIG SPENDERS

Yanks extend reign as MLB's most valuable team

The Yankees maintained their status as Major League Baseball's most valuable team and are worth an estimated $3.7 billion, according to a survey released by Forbes on Tuesday.

The 27-time World Series champion Yankees, who have held the top spot on the list in each of the 20 years Forbes has been tracking MLB valuations, are worth nearly $1 billion more than the next most valuable team.

Forbes said the average MLB team is worth $1.54 billion, a 19 percent rise from last year, which the magazine attributed to new local television deals that are increasing at roughly a two-fold rate, as well as a surge in profitability.

The Los Angeles Dodgers ($2.75 billion), Boston Red Sox ($2.7 billion), World Series champion Chicago Cubs ($2.67 billion) and San Francisco Giants ($2.65 billion) rounded out of the top five.

The Yankees, who last year missed the postseason for the third time in four seasons, saw their revenue rise 2 percent to an MLB-high $526 million, according to Forbes. REUTERS

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Why Aren't Doctors Telling About These Two Often

Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer

By *NY Pain MD*

***NY Pain MD* is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.**

Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.

If you suffer with knee or other join arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are There Any Better Options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NY Pain MD is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that,here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knees.

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make ***natural*** synovial fluid gel-like compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** takes it even one step further. They do not just use one step process of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at ***NY Pain MD*** have found that earlier you start Viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

Summary: If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results. you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

This is not true...and here is why

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

#2: Radiofrequency Treatment

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

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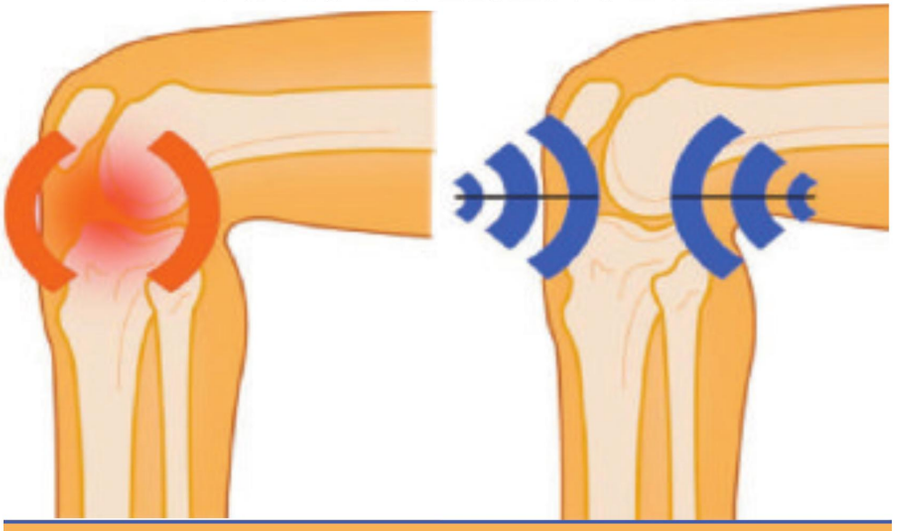

Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: **Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.**

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal Pain found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indiciate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

Several experts work as a team to offer you the best treatment options at the appropriate time to maximize results. It is also very convenient to have all your doctors and treatments in one place. Traveling to different offices can be time consuming and even more expensive.

NY Pain MD believes this "X" factor is one of the reasons so many knee arthritis sufferers travel from all over to be treated at their advanced medical clinics.

NY Pain MD offers a limited number of complimentary knee arthritis treatment screenings every month. These screenings are a way for knee arthritis sufferers to get some of their ques-tions answered and see if they are a candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at ***NY Pain MD***

If you would like a complimentary screening, just call 855-456-PAIN [7246] and tell the scheduling coordinator "I would like a complimentary knee arthritis screening." The screenings fill up fast every month. If you do not call in time to get one this month, the scheduling coordiantators will get you appointed for next month

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Experts see correlation between rise in STDs and popularity of dating apps

Young people have more STDs than ever before, says CDC.

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Over 1.5 million people dated last week thanks to dating app Tinder, according to company stats.

It's hard to say how many of them took it further than first base, but public health officials say one thing is certain: Dating apps are quickly becoming the primary way partners connect.

The rise of online dating has correlated with another more disturbing trend: STD rates are also very much on the rise in the United States.

The total combined cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis reported in 2015, the most recent year for which data are available, rose to the highest numbers ever in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In two of three cases, the increases hit double digits: Syphilis cases increased by 19 percent, gonorrhea by almost 13 percent, and chlamydia by nearly 6 percent compared to the prior year.

When you add herpes and HPV to the mix, the CDC estimates as much as one-third of the U.S. population has an STD at any given time.

The hardest hit? Young people and gay men.

"We have reached a decisive moment for the nation," Dr. Jonathan Mermin, director of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, said in a statement. "STD rates are rising, and many of the country's systems for preventing STDs have eroded. We must mobilize, rebuild and expand services — or the human and economic burden will continue to grow."

Health officials in several states and at least one study have pinpointed internet-assisted dating as causing a 15.9 percent spike in reported HIV cases. The 2014 study, "Internet's Dirty Secret: Assessing the Impact of Online Intermediaries on HIV Transmission," looked at data in 33 states from 1999 to 2008 and concluded Craigslist personal ads were to blame for the increase.

"Our study results suggest that there is a new social route of HIV transmission that is taking place in this digital era," the report says.

STD rates among Massachusetts residents trail national averages, but just barely, and Kevin Cranston, the state Health Department assistant commissioner, called the Bay State's rise in STD cases "very concerning."

The rise of dating apps like Tinder and Grindr is concurrent with increases in reported cases of STDS, Cranston said.

"It's arguable dating apps are a cause, but whether it leads to more sex, anonymous sex or condomless sex is hard to answer," he said.

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Blasts hit Borussia Dortmund soccer team's bus, leaving player hurt

Borussia Dortmund's team bus was attacked with explosives on Tuesday shortly before the start of their Champions League clash with AS Monaco, injuring defender Marc Bartra and forcing the match to be postponed by a day.

German police said on Tuesday they did not know who was behind the attack, in which three explosions went off at 7:15 p.m. near the hotel where the team was staying, but said the team appeared to be the target.

Prosecutors said a letter had been found near the scene of the blast, but declined to give details of its contents and said it was not clear whether it was authentic.

"At this time, it is still not clear what the real background to this act is," Dortmund police chief Gregor Lange told a late night news conference in the western German city.

Police escort Dortmund's defender Sven Bender. GETTY IMAGES

Police earlier said there had been no risk to the Signal Iduna Park stadium, the largest in Germany, holding more than 80,000 fans, where the first leg of the quarter-final of Europe's top club soccer competition was due to have been played.

Lange said police assumed the team bus was deliberately targeted in the attack as it left the team hotel on the way to the stadium.

The devices were placed in a bush alongside the street, Bild newspaper reported, without giving a source. A police spokesman had earlier said "the explosive devices were placed outside the bus".

Windows on the bus were broken but the damage was limited.

Dortmund police said earlier on Twitter: "After the initial investigation, we assume that this was an attack using serious explosives." REUTERS

The Lyft app is seen on a passenger's phone. GETTY IMAGES

Lyft lands $600M in fresh funding; company valued at $7.5B

Ride-services company Lyft has raised $600 million in fresh funding, fuel for the company's growth as it continues to compete fiercely with larger rival Uber Technologies Inc.

Lyft said on Tuesday it closed the widely anticipated funding round, which had been in progress for weeks.

The $600 million came mostly from large global investment funds rather than startups' traditional funding source of venture capital. The round values the company at $7.5 billion, a sharp increase from the $5.5 billion valuation at Lyft's last financing more than a year ago.

In January 2016, Lyft raised $1 billion, half of which came from automaker General Motors Co.

Both the funding total and the valuation exceed previous targets. Last month, a source close to the company said Lyft was aiming to raise $500 million at a valuation of $6 billion to $7 billion.

The funding comes from previous investors including Japanese internet company Rakuten Inc and investment fund Janus Capital Group Inc (JNS.N), and first-time Lyft investors including private equity firm KKR & Co (KKR.N), large asset manager Baillie Gifford, and one of Canada's largest pension funds, the Public Sector Pension Investment Board.

The funding round is an example of the broader trend of how pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, family offices and large asset managers that have traditionally invested in public companies are now putting more of their money into private tech startups in hopes of better returns.

Lyft is Uber's main competitor in the United States, although Lyft has trailed Uber in market share in most regions of the country. The company has heavily invested in growth, and so far this year has expanded its service to 100 new cities, bringing the total number of cities in which Lyft operates to 300. REUTERS

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Tillerson heads to Moscow carrying Western call for Russia to abandon Assad

The administration of President Donald Trump was thrust into confrontation with Moscow last week when a poison gas attack in northern Syria killed 87 people.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson carried a message from world powers to Moscow on Tuesday denouncing Russian support for Syria's Bashar al-Assad, as the Trump administration took on America's traditional mantle as leader of a unified West.

Tillerson flew on the administration's first cabinet mission to Russia after meeting foreign ministers from the Group of Seven advanced economies and Middle Eastern allies in Italy. They endorsed a joint call for Russia to abandon Assad.

Western countries blame President Assad for the gas attack, and Trump responded by firing cruise missiles at a Syrian air base. Russian President Vladimir Putin has stood firmly by Moscow's ally Assad, who denies blame.

"It is clear to us the reign of the Assad family is coming to an end," Tillerson told reporters in Italy before departing for Moscow. "We hope that the Russian government concludes that they have aligned themselves with an unreliable partner in Bashar Al-Assad."

He said Russia had failed in its role as sponsor of a 2013 deal under which Assad promised to give up his chemical arsenal.

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"These agreements stipulated Russia as the guarantor of a Syria free of chemical weapons," Tillerson said.

"It is unclear whether Russia failed to take this obligation seriously and whether Russia has been incompetent. But this distinction doesn't much matter to the dead. We can't let this happen again."

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U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson steps out of a plane upon his arrival in Moscow's Vnukovo airport on Tuesday in Moscow, Russia. GETTY IMAGES

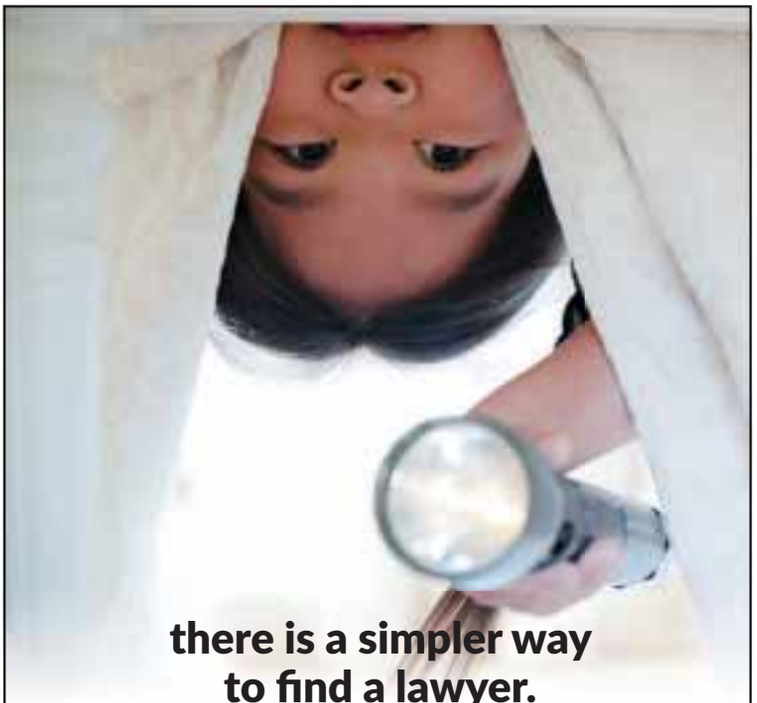
icals that killed civilians belonged to rebels, not to Assad's government, and has accused the United States of an illegal act of aggression against Syria on a phoney pretext. Putin said on Tuesday he believed Washington planned to launch more missile strikes, and that rebels were planning to stage chemical weapons attacks to provoke them.

"We have information that a similar provocation is being prepared ... in other parts of Syria including in the southern Damascus suburbs where they are planning to again plant some substance and accuse the Syrian authorities of using [chemical weapons]," Putin said, standing alongside Italian President Sergio Matarella who was in Moscow for talks.

Putin said Moscow would urgently ask the United Nations chemical weapons watchdog to investigate last week's incident. Western countries have dismissed Russian suggestions that the poison gas belonged to rebels as beyond credibility.

"Russia's allegations fit with a pattern of deflecting blame from the [Syrian] regime and attempting to undermine the credibility of its opponents," a White House official said.

The United States, Britain and France have proposed a revised draft resolution to the 15-member U.N. Security Council that is similar to a text they circulated last week pushing Syria's government to cooperate with investigators, diplomats said. REUTERS



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Four lawyers who work at the Guantanamo Bay prison on Tuesday sued the U.S. Department of Defense, claiming it has exposed them to elevated risks of cancer and other health problems by forcing them to work in contaminated areas.

The complaint said the U.S. Navy has not properly investigated whether environmental hazards at the Camp Justice complex were linked to nine cancer cases since its 2008 opening.

By insisting that the complex is safe despite the known presence of "carcinogenic substances" such as formaldehyde and mercury, the Navy has left lawyers with the "untenable" choice between preserving their health and defending their clients, the complaint said.

Sunrise over Camp Delta Guantanamo Bay, Cuba GETTY IMAGES

A Pentagon spokesman said the Defense Department does not discuss pending litigation.

The complaint was filed in the federal court in Washington by Army Major Matthew Seeger, and civilian lawyers Cheryl Bormann, Edwin Perry and Michael Schwartz.

All represent Walid Bin Attash, a Yemeni man and suspected al Qaeda training camp leader charged with helping plot the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon outside Washington.

The lawyers are seeking an injunction requiring the Defense Department to provide accommodations that protect them from the "known and unknown risks" of living and working at Camp Justice.

The complex is on the site of a former airfield, and includes temporary housing known as Cuzcos, essentially trailers, where lawyers live and work, the complaint said.

Three of the nine cancer victims have died, including Navy Lieutenant Commander Bill Kuebler at age 44 in July 2015, the complaint added. REUTERS

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Police probe motives behind fatal classroom shooting

Police officers stand guard at North Park Elementary School following a shooting in San Bernardino, California. GETTY IMAGES

Relatives of a school teacher shot dead by her husband in a San Bernardino, California, classroom have told investigators the slaying capped a brief, turbulent marriage and breakup marked by accusations of infidelity and threats, police said on Tuesday.

Police also revealed that surveillance video showed the shooter initially had tried to get into the school through a locked door, forcing him to gain entry instead by way of the front office, where he signed in and was allowed free access to the classroom by staff who recognized him.

School employees, however, were apparently unaware of the marital discord believed to have led the gunman, an unemployed former pastor and maintenance worker, to fatally shoot his estranged wife, Karen Elaine Smith, and an 8-year-old student in front of their class before reloading his revolver and killing himself.

The slain student and another boy hit by gunfire happened to be just behind Smith and were believed to be unintentional victims. The second child, aged 9, though badly wounded, was expected to survive. He remained hospitalized on Tuesday.

The shooting at North Park Elementary, the latest of dozens of U.S. schools traumatized by armed intruders in recent years, reopened debate about what educators can do to safeguard students against mounting gun violence.

It was especially wrenching for San Bernardino, the "Inland Empire" town about 65 miles east of Los Angeles where a shooting rampage 15 months ago left 14 people dead and more than 20 wounded at an office holiday party.

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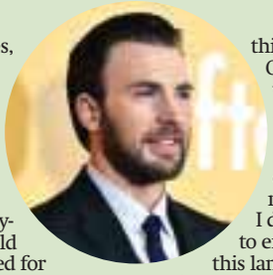
Chris Evans gives Tom Brady a pass



Chris Evans has been very vocal about his distaste for Donald Trump's presidency. When Trump was elected, the conventionally attractive and very sensitive dude-bro found the power within himself to express how he felt in 138 characters: "This is an embarrassing night for America," he wrote. "We've let a hatemonger lead our great nation. We've let a bully set our course. I'm devastated."

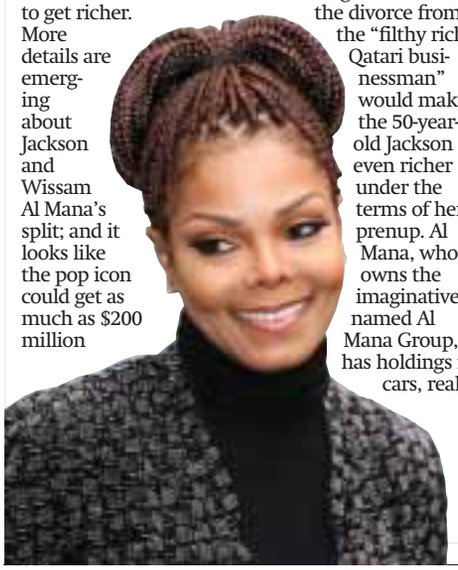
But Evans, like so many other white men who star in Marvel-based franchises, is not perfect. So the "Gifted" actor told USA Today that if anyone should be excused for voting for Trump, it should be Tom Brady. I'm sorry, what now?

"I know actors get grief for having their opinions shared," the 35-year-old said. "That's not going to stop me from expressing what I think and feel." OK, fine. But what else, Evans?

"We may have political disagreements. But I don't want to encourage this landscape of, if you disagree with me politically, you're my enemy. That's not the case. That's easy to say as a privileged white male." Ooh, buzzwords! He must know I can't resist when a man attempts to reckon with his privilege. "I'm just going out of my way to give Tom Brady a pass. He gave me five rings. What am I supposed to do? He gets a pass." Oh, honey, no.

Brady — who is the kind of man who has a baby cockroach named after him — reportedly thought it would be "great" if Donald Trump was elected president. He also participates in a sport where players suffer multiple concussions and head injuries throughout their careers. So, uh, what's Chris Evans' excuse?

Janet Jackson is about to be even richer post-divorce



Janet Jackson's soon to be ex-husband is rich. And now, Janet Jackson — who isn't doing too bad herself — is about to get richer. More details are emerging about Jackson and Wissam Al Mana's split; and it looks like the pop icon could get as much as $200 million from her divorce. But I can assure you, it's not about the money. Page Six has the dirt — according to a source, the divorce from the "filthy rich Qatari businessman" would make the 50-year-old Jackson even richer under the terms of her prenup. Al Mana, who owns the imaginatively named Al Mana Group, has holdings in cars, real estate, retail, tech and other ventures. "She was entitled to $100 million if they stayed married for at least five years … The prenup also calls for that $100 million payment to be doubled if they have a child." But a long-time security guard for the Jackson family says even though it looks like a grab for money, it's not. Janet Jackson just isn't the wife type. "She's never been in a relationship too long … Marriage doesn't agree with her. She doesn't agree with marriage."

The Richest estimates that while Al Mana is worth $1 billion, Jackson is worth "a mere $150 million," which is like, $150 million more than anybody I know is worth.

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Jemima Kirke was a 'problem drinker'

Despite attending rehab programs, Jemima Kirke — better known as Jessa Johansson on HBO's "Girls" — doesn't consider herself an addict. Instead of using those vices as a way to repress her feelings, she uses and recognizes them as tools. Why didn't I think about that? Kirke opened up on the podcast "Recover Girl" about her relationship with alcohol and why she doesn't think the word "addict" suits her very well. "I didn't relate to [AA's] psychic need for the alcohol," she said according to E! Online. "I recognized it as a tool, and I know how to use it as a tool. … It's a problem more than addiction. I just was a problem drinker and user, and I liked to party," the 31-year-old said. Ultimately she was kicked out of both rehab facilities she attended, with her therapist there telling her she always played the victim. And while I don't want to belittle Kirke's experience at all, I am tempted to make some sort of sarcastic comment about a person who stars on "Girls" exhibiting entitled behavior. But I won't! Besides, I think most of us would love to be able to get away with calling a booze-induced night of shenanigans just a casual night of just "usin' my tools." Color me jealous.

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Anna Chlumsky plays Amy Brookheimer on "Veep." Season 6 airs Sunday, April 16 on HBO. HBO/LACEY TERRELL

Anna Chlumsky plays the most intense and quietly hilarious character on "Veep": Amy Brookheimer. The steely-faced, seething right hand woman to Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) powers through each day in Washington with a death stare and a mouth full of zingers, providing comedy in her repressed rage.

But a few things have changed in the world of the HBO political satire, which airs its sixth season on Sunday, April 16. At Season 5's close, Meyer loses her presidential bid. She and most of her staff depart Washington, pursuing new callings a safe distance from Meyer's web (except for her personal aides Richard Splett [Sam Richardson] and Gary Walsh [Tony Hale], the latter who has become even more fawning postcampaign, helping Selina fill her newfound downtime with late night games of backgammon).

Our girl Amy gets as far away as she can, heading to Nevada with fiance Buddy Calhoun to run his campaign for governor. But neither the location change, nor the advancing romance do much in the way of mellowing out the wound-up workaholic.

"Her Nevada trip and her Buddy trip are very much a, 'Wherever you go, there you are,'" says the 36-year-old Chicago native. "She's still very much herself, with all of her baggage and venom, it's just channeled differently. I don't know if the desert is the best place for Amy," she jokes.

Do you see Selina and Amy reconnecting?

Personally, I definitely think Amy's better off without Selina. [Laughs] They're certainly enablers of each other's professional addictions, as it were. We find out pretty quickly that they kind of can't stay away from each other. Even in the first or second episodes, they've kept up this kind of adorable phone relationship.

Does the 2016 election at all work its way into Season 6?

It doesn't, just in that, it's a math problem: Our show is not live. Not in the sense that "The Daily Show" can see what's happening in the news and then talk about it that night. We started writing it summer last year and shooting in September; there were maybe two months of shooting postelection, but the season was already written.

We satirize politics in its most generality. We like to explore how ridiculous people behave when faced with power dynamics. That plays out in a political realm and in personal politics and that's why I think it can be timeless and people can relate to it.

So many "Veep" storylines have been predictive or eerily relevant. Viewers have often tried to compare Selina to Hillary, and now with Selina losing the election and navigating life post-Washington, it's harder not to.

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We had a debacle with State Department gifts once, and that certainly was inspired by a Hillary moment. Everything is rife for satire. Sometimes there is a gaffe on "Meet the Press" that shapes policies; sometimes there are hostage crises that you have to keep under wraps; sometimes an administration is dishonest with an intelligence committee! [Laughs]

We have an election episode this year, we were actually shooting it during the 2016 election. The disreputable candidate pulls ahead, and we were like, "Oh my God, I can't believe this is happening!" If you deal enough in the stories of politics, they come back to haunt you. [Laughs]

Do you think the humor of the show will read differently now that we have a joke in office?

What's different now is people can't help but buy into our cynicism. In the beginning of our series, that was one of the critiques people would have of the show: "People aren't like that in politics." And we'd always be like, 'Are you kidding?' American culture was still idealizing its politics when we first began. I think the lid's been way blown off by what's happened. I certainly think that our tone is way more accepted at this point. Of course, those in the know and with any brains always accepted our tone. [Laughs] Now everybody's in on it.

What would you hope for Amy's future?

[Laughs] It's a great question, because she's just so unhappy. I think her dream would be to be the undisputed boss. She just wants to be winning all the time. She could be the CEO of a super-successful, fast-growing company. The problem is she's addicted to politics and I think that's what clouds her judgment when it comes to Selina. Honestly, she was the happiest when we met her — she was a year into being the chief of staff [to the Veep], and that was kind of her peak. She's just been falling since then. [Laughs]

Do you feel akin to Amy at all?

You can't be with somebody this long and be completely removed from them. There are certainly parallels as far as what she's going through as a female in [her] 30s, like, "Where do I belong? Am I on the right path?" Personalitywise, she does not suffer fools easily and that's something I've got, too. [Laughs] I believe everybody has a brain, but when they act like they don't, I'm just like, "Stop it!" That's something I've always had in common with Amy.

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Many of us have been drinking to forget that Donald Trump is president, and now you can do it at a bar called Coup that's taking on the administration one cocktail at a time.

Big-time New York City bar owner Ravi DeRossi, who's also behind tiki hotspot Mother of Pearl and speakeasy Death & Co., will open Coup on April 14 at 64 Cooper Square in Astor Place. All profits from drinks will go to organizations that have been targeted by the new administration, including the ACLU and Planned Parenthood. You can even choose which cause to support with a token that comes with your drink.

"Everyone has his or her reasons for not liking the current administration," says DeRossi. "For me it's manyfold, but if I could boil it down to one issue, it would be equality."

He sees Trump's administration as actively working against giving everyone "a fair chance at life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. … So what we've created is a cocktail bar that encourages discussion, love, respect, acceptance and, above all, creates a community where we turn our angst and despair into something beautiful and positive."

DeRossi has some pretty powerful friends in the cocktail world in his corner, too, who will be donating their time to the project by doing stints behind the bar, from local stars like Giuseppe Gonzalez of Suffolk Arms and Leyenda's Ivy Mix, to Seattle cocktail pioneer Jamie Boudreau and even "Iron Chef" host Alton Brown.

Coup will be open daily from 6 p.m.-2 a.m., and takes its promise of equality seriously. Though the West Village's The Happiest Hour bar is being sued for refusing to serve a man in a Make America Great Again cap, a Coup rep says all are welcome: "Every dollar will go to benefit communities in need, and we appreciate the support of anyone wanting to drink for a cause!"

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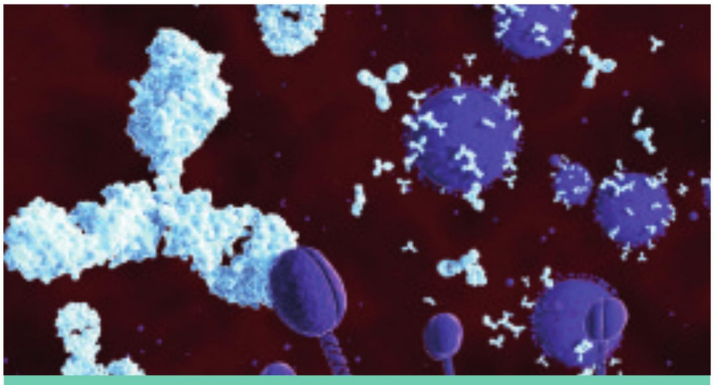

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Michelle Rodriguez in "The Assignment" SABAN FILMS

The latest from Walter Hill, of "The Warriors," "48 Hrs." and the screenplay for the first "Alien," is "The Assignment," in theaters and on VOD. NICOLAS ASPROUX

Defending his life

Legendary filmmaker Walter Hill doesn't think his controversial film "The Assignment" is transphobic.

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Walter Hill knows "The Assignment" is controversial. Since premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival last fall — hell, even while it was being shot — the latest from the legendary filmmaker ("The Warriors," "48 Hrs.," also "Deadwood") has been a magnet for outrage pieces, which have accused the film of being transphobic.

The plot? Michelle Rodriguez plays a very macho and very male hitman named Frank Kitchen who's kidnapped, drugged and surgically given female parts by a vengeful mad scientist (Sigourney Weaver).

Hill didn't go into "The Assignment" to attract scandal. For him, it's just another of his lurid potboilers, not a commentary on trans people. Besides, technically its anti-hero isn't even trans. Frank may have swapped gender parts, but he still identifies as male.

"I don't think it has anything to do with that subject," the 75-year-old filmmaker tells us. When the pitchforks first came out, Hill was asked to issue a statement. He declined. "I just said, 'The movie will be my defense.' And it is. Although I guess I'm conducting a defense at the moment."

He's talking about it now, though, with a mixture of pride and trepidation, a little weary from being raked over the coals. He tries to choose his words carefully, but it's clear what irks him isn't an era when we're newly sensitive to trans portrayals. He's annoyed that people jumped to wild assumptions before the film was even completed.

"I think people who have not seen something and attack it — a book, a movie or whatever — that's pretty flimsy intellectual ground to be standing on," Hill says. "I don't think it's very conducive to brilliant dialogue on the subject. It doesn't open up an interesting debate to me.

"I'm not a comfortable polemicist by nature. I'm a storyteller and a movie guy," he says.

If "The Assignment" is critical of anything, it's of masculinity, with Frank suddenly the recipient of physical and sexual abuse by the lesser gender.

"One of the reasons I wanted to do this thing is I got tired of everybody telling me I was really good with guys and macho bulls—," explains Hill. "I always said my movies were anti-macho, but nobody ever noticed it."

Looking back on "Alien"

The majority of Hill's films revolve around man's men. Then again, Hill also co-wrote the first "Alien" (as well as the third), which means he helped create the pioneer of the blockbuster female badass, Ellen Ripley, played by Hill's "Assignment" co-star Sigourney Weaver. ("The Assignment" is surely one of the strangest movie reunions ever.)

"We thought ["Alien"] worked much stronger with a female lead— that having the alien versus a woman was a much more terrifying situation than it would have been with a big, tough, macho guy," Hill recalls.

And yet Hill hasn't been involved with the franchise since 1992's "Alien 3." His name's still on them all, including the forthcoming "Alien: Covenant," for contractual reasons.

"Most of them, I haven't read the scripts and in many cases not even seen the films," Hill remarks. "If the new one is wonderful, I'm sorry to say I had nothing to do with it. And if it's a terrible flop, it's not my fault."

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5 Easter table decor ideas for the DIY fiend

Table name cards in the shapes of (pastel) eggs are an easy and festive idea. ISTOCK

It's time to get your home picture perfect to celebrate the holidays.

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Easter is nearly here.

Oh, you've procrastinated? No big. We scoured the web for the easiest, most festive DIYs. Here are five Easter hacks from our favorite design bloggers: It's easier than you think to have an Instagram Explore page-worthy dining room. Head to the individual blogs for step-by-step instructions.

A bright centerpiece

The key to an unforgettable tablescape is a welcoming centerpiece, like the Balloon Easter Egg from Oh Happy Day. The materials are simple — you just need balloons, washi tape and scissors. They're versatile, too: You can arrange them down the center of your table or hang them on your walls or ceilings. *ohhappyday.com*

Use greenery to celebrate spring

Angie Chang from Chairs and Cups suggests sticking to a few colors to keep a cohesive look. Garlands are a no-fuss way to bring a little spring to your Easter table. Simply wrap clusters of greenery — seeded eucalyptus and lemon leaf work great — around a floral wire. Next, pick one or two flowers to bring out your accent color, and a third in a similar hue for a pop. Voilà! *chairsandcups.com*

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Set the table with a little imagination

Here's Easter decoration gone Scandinavian for you less-proactive decorators: Tie rabbit ears around your Easter eggs. Frida Ramstedt at Trendenser notes you only need linen napkins, hemp rope and, of course, an egg or two. *trendenser.com*

Include a delicate ombre touch

Dip-dyed napkins? Yes, please. Blogger Darling has the perfect Easter hack: You'll need two dye colors, a set of cotton or linen napkins, two containers for dipping and rubber gloves. *darlingmagazine.com*

A minimalist twist on the Easter egg classic

No Easter is complete without dedicating plenty of time to decorating eggs. But Camille Styles' minimalist cement Easter eggs are a crafter's dream. Using eggs as mold, this DIY is easy and quick to make. Plus, they're reusable. You'll need drained eggs, a plastic container, a stick, a craft knife and, Rockite expansion cement (available at Amazon, or your local hardware store). Pro tip: You can add a bit of gold spray paint if you're feeling fancy. *camillestyles.com*

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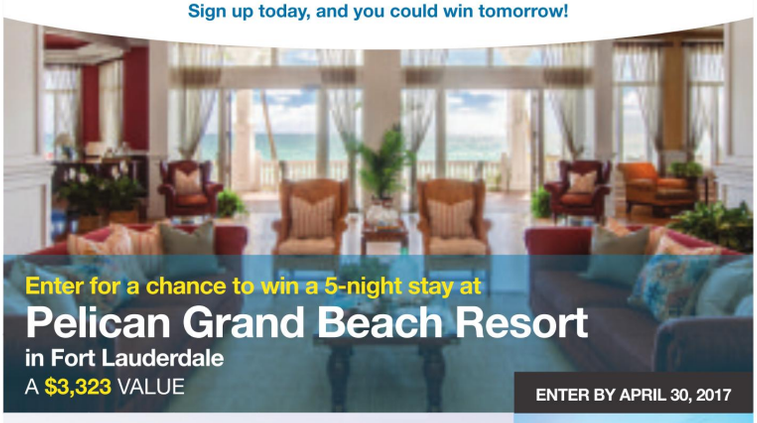

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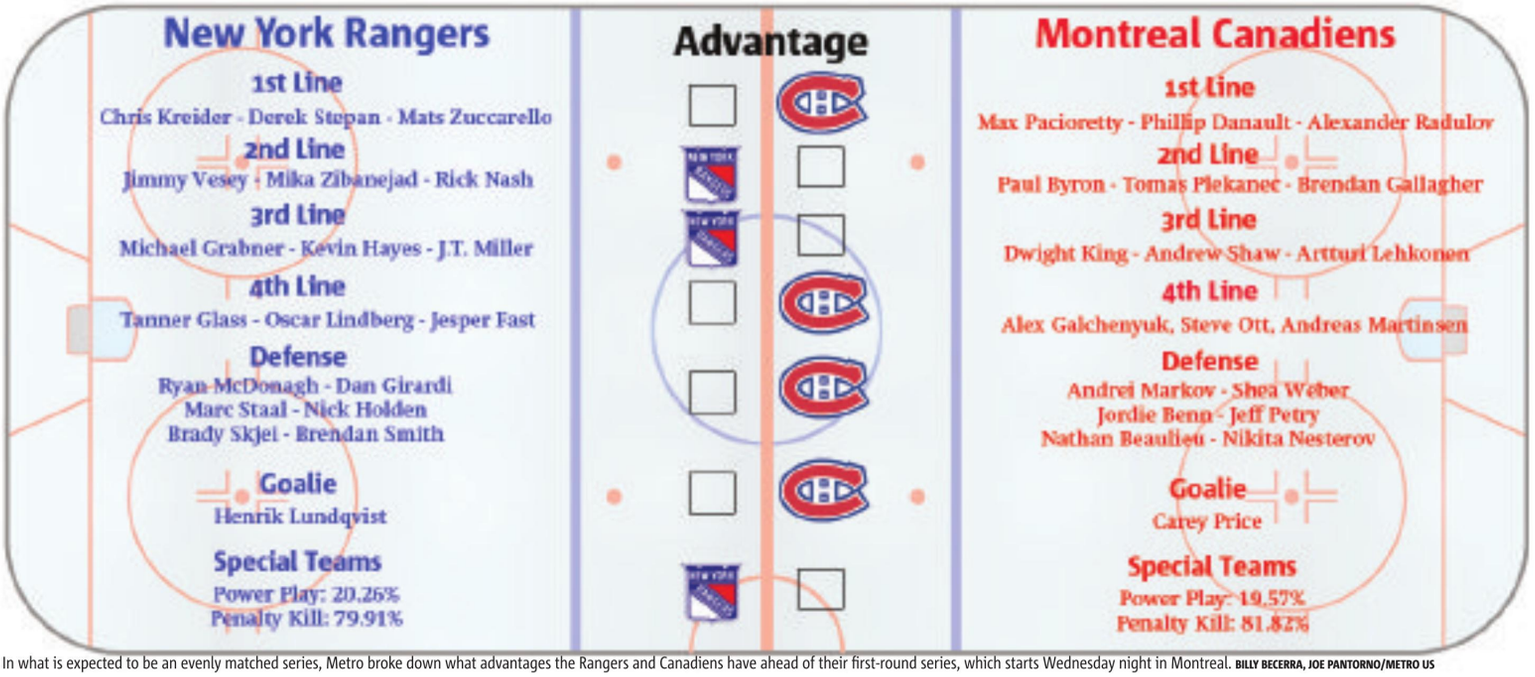

In what is expected to be an evenly matched series, Metro broke down what advantages the Rangers and Canadiens have ahead of their first-round series, which starts Wednesday night in Montreal. BILLY BECERRA, JOE PANTORNO/METRO US

Rangers vs. Canadiens postseason preview

What you need to know before the Blueshirts take the ice for Game 1 against the Habs.

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Rangerstown, welcome back to the postseason.

Granted, this is nothing new for you.

Wednesday night (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN) marks the seventh-straight season that the Blueshirts will appear in the Stanley Cup playoffs as they meet the Atlantic Division-winning Montreal Canadiens.

The Rangers come in as a lower seed after finishing outside the top three in the Metropolitan. However, they contended in the toughest division in hockey as the Washington Capitals, Pittsburgh Penguins and Columbus Blue Jackets all had 108 points or more.

New York still managed to record its 10th 100-point season in franchise history despite playing in such a difficult division and their first-round matchup against Montreal will be far more competitive than what seedings might suggest.

With 102 points, the Rangers finished with just one point less than the Canadiens, who won their division with 103. Had New York been in the Atlantic Division, it would have home-ice advantage in a series against the Ottawa Senators.

The Canadiens still have major advantages in this series, most notably on defense as they boast one of the top pairings in the league with Shea Weber and Andrei Markov.

Montreal allowed 20-fewer goals than the Rangers during the regular season and their stalwart of a goaltender in Carey Price offers an All-Star caliber level of talent that is in his prime between the pipes.

The same can't be said for Henrik Lundqvist, who had his poorest professional season in the NHL with career worsts in save percentage (.910) and goals against average (2.74).

Much of those struggles — I use that word begrudgingly considering they are still pretty good numbers — had to do with an inconsistent defense that made the 35-year-old's job far more difficult. "The King's" defensemen looked lost in front of him at times, constantly screening him or allowing odd-man rushes the other way.

Head coach Alain Vigneault admitted that not one single defenseman's job was safe in the final portions of the season given their performance.

In their final 26 games, the Rangers allowed three or more goals 16 times and four or more tallies on nine occasions.

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RANGERS ALL-TIME PLAYOFF RECORD VS. THE CANADIENS

This is a patient, creative Canadiens team that likes to make the extra pass and find the open man.

An unselfish style of play like that can carve plenty of holes within the New York defense and leave Lundqvist out to dry.

The Rangers might just have to rely on outscoring Montreal, which it is capable of doing given the scoring depth it has.

Four Blueshirts recorded 20 or more goals compared to Montreal's two and ranked fourth in the NHL with 256 goals scored during the regular season.

On paper, the Rangers have a clear advantage right in the middle of their forward units. New York's second and third lines produced far more than Montreal's, recording a combined 247 points this year compared to the Canadiens' 173.

That doesn't mean the Rangers are exempt from issues. Michael Grabner, who is second on the team with 27 goals, scored just one goal in his final 23 games of the year.

An aging Rick Nash has shown that he is not the premier goal scorer he once was. With 23 goals and 15 assists, the 32-year-old has been unable to find the scoring touch he had during a 42-goal 2014-15 season.

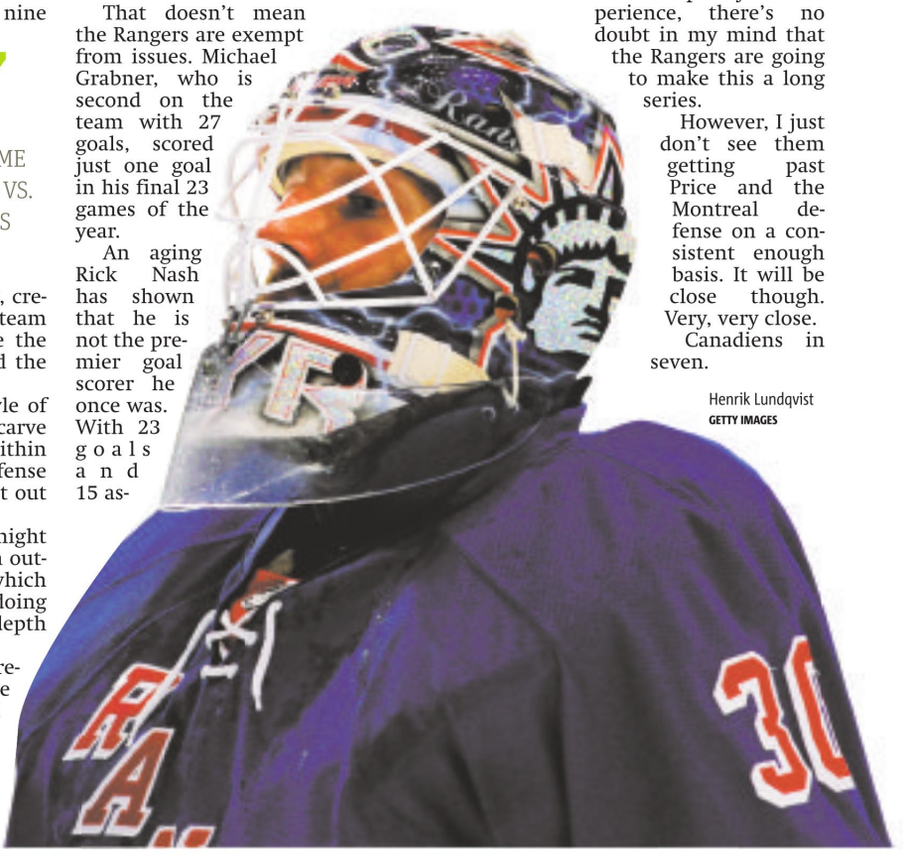
Even during his best days, Nash still was a no-show at times during the playoffs. In 65 career postseason games, he has just 12 goals, including a measly three during the teams' run to the Stanley Cup Final in 2014.

But the playoffs are a brand-new season and the adrenaline that comes on such a big stage could do wonders for the revitalization of a hockey team.

With plenty of experience, there's no doubt in my mind that the Rangers are going to make this a long series.

However, I just don't see them getting past Price and the Montreal defense on a consistent enough basis. It will be close though. Very, very close.

Canadiens in seven.



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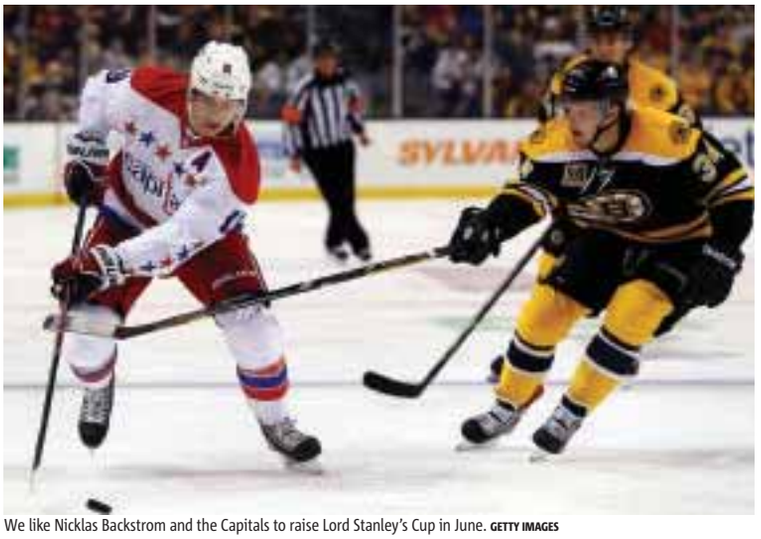

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2017 Stanley Cup playoffs predictions

A glance at who we expect to still be standing in June.

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BEST FIRST-ROUND SERIES

San Jose Sharks vs. Edmonton Oilers

In terms of rivalries, this matchup does not jump off the page despite these two finishing just four points apart in the Pacific Division.

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Edmonton young captain Connor McDavid, playing in just his second NHL season, led the Oilers to a 103-point year, their best mark since recording 106 during the 1986-87 season.

He led the league with 70 assists and 100 points, but he is just one of a multitude of talented skaters on both sides of the ice.

McDavid, Leon Draisaitl and Patrick Maroon combined for 86 goals this season while veteran Milan Lucic brings a wealth of playoff experience to this series.

Edmonton will need every bit of it against the defending Western Conference champion Sharks.

Much more seasoned compared to the Oilers, San Jose boasts one of the greatest passers of this generation in Joe Thornton, the best scoring defenseman in the league in Brent Burns and grizzled All-Stars like Joe Pavelski, Logan Couture and Patrick Marleau.

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DARK HORSE TO WIN THE CUP

Columbus Blue Jackets

Is it fair to label a team that recorded 108 points this season a dark horse?

Well, when you finish third in your division and 10 points behind the first-place Washington Capitals, have only made two postseason appearances and never won a playoff series in your first 15 years, then yes.

That's exactly what the Columbus Blue Jackets are, especially in a first-round series against the defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Blue Jackets are as well-rounded a team as you can find in the NHL, though, and it all starts from the back.

Columbus allowed the second-least amount of goals behind the Capitals with just 195. Goaltender Sergei Bobrovksy should be the frontrunner for the Vezina this season with a 41-17-5 record and a goals-against average of just 2.06.

The defense in front of him is even more solid. Remarkably, not one of the 10 blue liners that dressed for the Blue Jackets this season had a plus/minus rating in the red.

On the offensive end, Cam Atkinson continues to develop into a premier scorer with a career-high 35 goals this year while Nick Foligno (26) and Brandon Saad (24) provide solid secondary scoring.

PREDICTIONS BY ROUND

First round

- Canadiens def. Rangers
- Bruins def. Senators
- Capitals def. Maple Leafs
- Blue Jackets def. Penguins
- Blackhawks def. Predators
- Wild def. Blues
- Ducks def. Flames
- Sharks def. Oilers

Conference semifinals

- Canadiens def. Bruins
- Capitals def. Blue Jackets
- Wild def. Blackhawks
- Sharks def. Ducks

Conference finals

- Capitals def. Canadiens
- Wild def. Sharks

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Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):
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SUPREME COURT:
QUEENS COUNTY
HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-PA3;
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INDEX NO. 11927/13
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SUPREME COURT:
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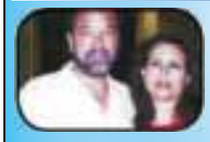

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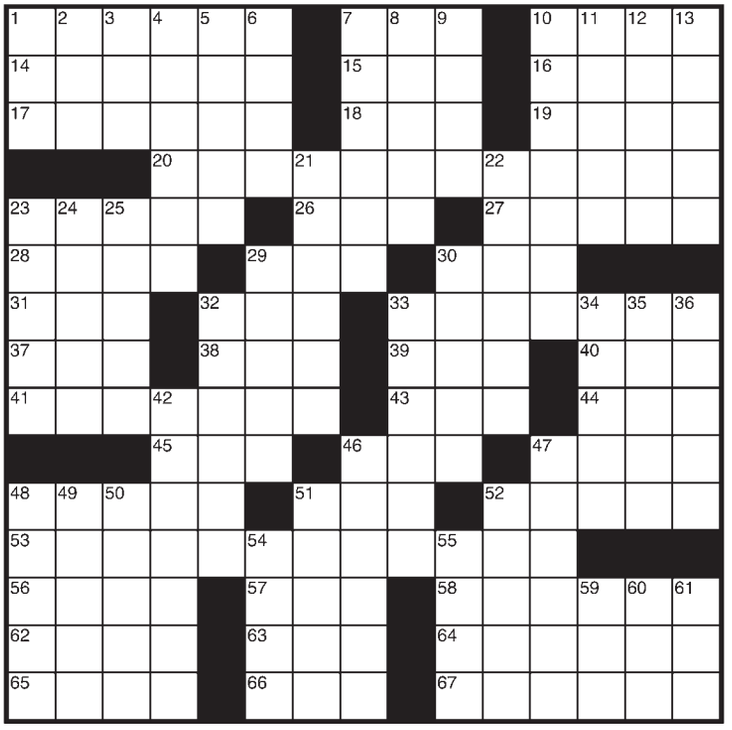

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Aries Express your feelings and know where you stand. A change in the way you treat someone will make a difference to your arrangement. Choose moderation.

Taurus Emotions will take control, giving rise to a number of issues that you will no longer be able to ignore. Speak up and follow your words with action. Ask for assistance.

Gemini A partnership will offer surprising opportunities to get ahead. Make an unexpected change to the way you present yourself and your abilities.

Cancer Share, get involved and enjoy interacting with others. Do things your way and don't fear taking a unique approach to an old idea. Aim for perfection.

Leo Emotional discord is best handled with patience. If you don't agree with a someone, continue down your own path without wasting time trying to persuade others.

Virgo Gather facts and knowledge that will help you make a smart decision regarding partnerships you are contemplating making or have already formed.

Libra If you approach money matters differently, you will avoid being taken advantage of. Financial and legal information will help you counter a potential loss.

Scorpio Give your imagination the boost it needs to forge into unfamiliar territory. Discovery will be the spark that allows you to turn small ideas into new possibilities.

Sagittarius A chance to watch from the sidelines will give you the insight you need to determine who is and isn't being honest with you. Trust your intuition.

Capricorn A discussion with someone you feel emotionally close to will help you iron out any foreseeable problems before they have a chance to develop.

Aquarius An emotional moment can spin out of control. Keep an open mind and refuse to let anger take control. Concentrate on bringing about positive changes.

Pisces Use your intelligence and experience to develop an idea you want to pursue. Exploring new possibilities will result in an opportunity for you to excel. EUGENIA LAST

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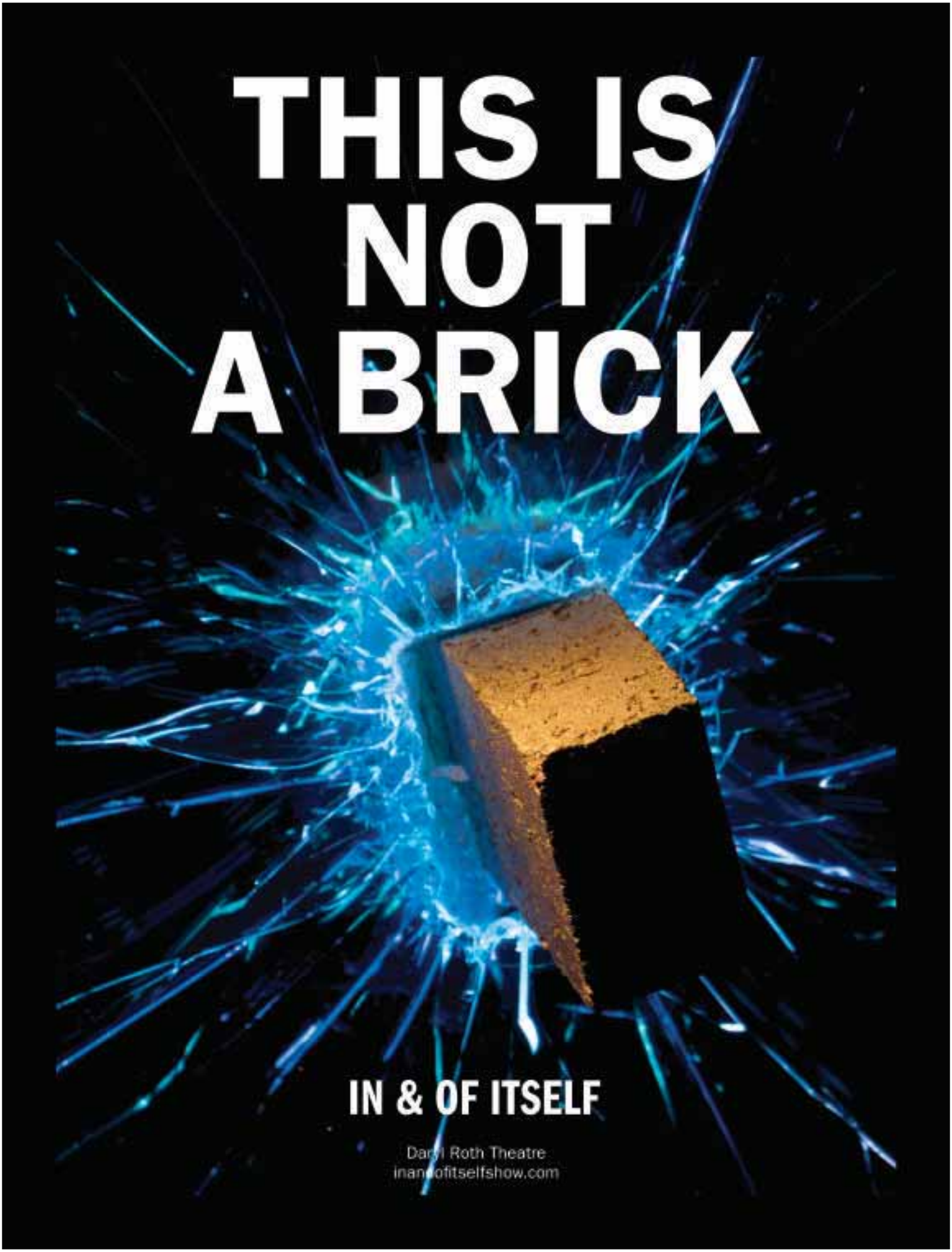
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